

Federal funds for this project will be used for water line extensions and sewer lines and improvements to the new development. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Agency/Account: Department of Education, Higher Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Emporia State University

Address of Requesting Entity: 1200 Commercial Street, Emporia, KS 66801

Description of Project: I have secured \$190,000 for Emporia State University. Biosciences capability for instruction and research at Emporia State University (ESU) exists in the departments of biology and chemistry. The Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (BMB) major and the other existing bachelors and master's degree programs in biology and chemistry produce graduates who have contributed and will continue to contribute to the technical workforce necessary for the biosciences initiatives envisioned by the Kansas Economic Growth Act. To meet the current and long-term challenges for a successful Kansas bioscience enterprise, funding is requested to purchase various equipment that would greatly contribute to Emporia State University's Bioscience Department. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Agency/Account: Department of Education, Higher Education

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Hutchinson Community College

Address of Requesting Entity: 1300 N. Plum Street, Hutchinson, KS 67501

Description of Project: I have secured \$238,000 for Hutchinson Community College. In March of 2008 Hutchinson Community College will break ground on an expansion and renovation of its 40-year old science building into a Physical and Biotechnology Science Center. Donations from private donors and state and local public sources will pay for the necessary remodeling and facility expansion. Federal dollars are being requested to equip the building with required safety, communication, and technical equipment and furnishings appropriate to learning environments.

HCC's enrollment in science courses increased 33% over five years, leveling off only due to physical space limitations. Credit hour generation in science courses constitutes 12% of total college hours. During the 2006–2007 academic year, 2,717 students were enrolled in science coursework generating 11,267 credit hours. Approximately 40% of these students are pursuing careers in Allied Health. Other students are preparing for transfer to four-year baccalaureate institutions and more advanced scientific study. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Agency/Account: HUD, Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: McPherson Opera House Company

Address of Requesting Entity: 219 South Main Street, McPherson, KS 67460

Description of Project: The McPherson Opera House was built in 1888 and for a number of years was the cultural, entertainment and civic center for McPherson County. The advent of movies, and to a greater extent television, negatively impacted audiences at the Opera House, and the auditorium, which had become a movie house, closed its doors in 1965.

Approximately \$3,000,000 has been raised and spent on the building's rehabilitation, which has included the exterior and the west commercial portion of the building. What remains to be done is the renovation of the auditorium and the construction of the Arts Center beneath the auditorium. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Agency/Account: DOT, Transportation, Community, and System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Kansas Department of Transportation

Address of Requesting Entity: 700 S.W. Harrison Street, Topeka, KS 66603

Description of Project: I have secured \$1,520,000 for county road construction and improvements for US–54. In order to provide adequate access to a new ethanol plant approximately 5 miles northeast of the City of Liberal on US–54, the Kansas Department of Transportation will be constructing a new, paved county road. Access to the existing unpaved county road off US–54 is dangerous as there are no turning lanes on the highway which is a High Priority Corridor and the heaviest traveled highway in the Liberal area. A large number of semi-trucks will be entering and exiting the county road which is expected to cause significant delays on US–54 as well as major safety concerns. In addition to constructing the new county road, improvements will be made with the US–54 intersection. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman JERRY MORAN

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Agency/Account: HUD, Economic Development Initiatives

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Salina

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 West Ash St., Salina, KS 67402

Description of Project: I have secured \$118,750 for the Salina Workforce Housing Project. Funds will be leveraged from both public and private sources to reduce the infrastructure development costs that make it challenging to develop affordable housing. A multi-phase housing subdivision will be built. The first phase will be approximately 100 lots and be sold to the public and/or direct to builders. The homes will be limited in size to ensure construction of homes that are in short supply for current and future employees.

This project will address two housing shortages that impact worker availability and economic development at once. The primary target is to develop homes that are appropriate for households with 110 to 130 percent of median income in Salina. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican Conference standards regarding Member initiatives, I am submitting the following information regarding the earmark I received as part of H.R. 1105—Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Labor, Health and Human Services bill, FIPSE account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity:

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used to develop and implement curriculum and research for graduate level alternative energy research in the areas of solar, biofuels, fuels, and batteries energy.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Labor, Health and Human Services bill, FIPSE account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind

Address of Requesting Entity: 205 East South Street Talladega, Alabama 35160

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used to develop and implement a collaborative employer training and job development program on behalf of the most significantly disabled citizens of Alabama. The Employer Education and Employment Development Program will target individuals who are deaf, blind and deaf-blind, as well as individuals who have developmental disabilities in conjunction with sensory impairment. Likewise, the Program will educate employers, statewide, on the benefits of hiring persons with disabilities. Assistive technology will also be a key dimension of the program for both the employer and employees—used to level the professional and educational playing field for persons with disabilities and enhance long term job performance and stability. This program will be part of a comprehensive worker credentialing program that will incorporate WorkKeys assessments and a standardized curriculum for basic workplace skills. WorkKeys, developed by ACT, is a national system for documenting and improving workplace skills. The program consists of three primary components: Job Profiling, Assessments and instructional support. Currently AIDB is the only known entity in Alabama providing this nationally recognized program to individuals with disabilities.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Labor, Health and Human Services bill, ACF account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Cherokee County Commission, Alabama Address of Requesting Entity: 100 Main Street Room 100 Centre, AL 35960

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used to provide a central location where citizens can

access information and community services that will empower, strengthen, improve the quality of life, and promote self-sufficiency by striving to meet the physical, emotional, developmental, and personal needs of all family members.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Commerce, Justice, Science, International Trade Administration account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: 102 Samford Hall Auburn, AL 36849

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used to acquire state-of-the-art equipment for polymer characterization and processing. Faculty will conduct research on the use of novel polymeric materials in transportation, structure, construction, and other applications, including nanotechnology. Focus will be on development of antimicrobial fibers and films for use in the medical industry and personal protective clothing.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Commerce, Justice, Science, COPS Tech account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Auburn, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: 144 Tichenor Avenue, Suite 1 Auburn, AL 36830

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used for a mobile data system for Auburn's Police Division. This consists of in-car computers and associated equipment (routers, wireless networking, e.g.) to equip all of our police vehicles.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Commerce, Justice, Science, COPS Tech account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City and County of Montgomery, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: P. O. Box 1111, Montgomery, AL 36101 and P. O. Box 1667, Montgomery, AL 36102

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used to implement an in-car digital video and server solution for City of Montgomery police vehicles and Montgomery County sheriff vehicles. This system will replace outdated VHS systems that are currently in police and sheriff vehicles and provide new installations in vehicles that are currently without a system. The ultimate goal is to have one upgradeable digital in-car system for the entire fleet and a central depository that will provide video evidence for courtroom presentation.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Commerce, Justice, Science, Byrne account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: 102 Samford Hall Auburn, AL 36849

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used in support of a program to provide local Law Enforcement Organizations with state-of-the-art

detector-dog team training for enhancing public safety. The detector-dog and handler team remain the most capable tool for the interdiction of explosive materials and illicit drugs. The capability of such teams is entirely dependent upon the quality of the dog, the dog's training, and instruction of its handler. Auburn University will develop protocols for proper training and conditioning of dog-handler teams, evaluate capabilities of canines and teams, and additionally provide trained teams for local law enforcement in Alabama as a model for national training standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Commerce, Justice, Science, COPS Tech account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alabama Department of Corrections, Montgomery, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: 301 South Ripley Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used for 3D virtual training for officers in high-risk maximum security facilities.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Commerce, Justice, Science, Byrne account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Alexander City, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 552, Alexander City, AL 35011-0552

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used for security upgrades for the old Courthouse building to become a functional Police/Judicial Courtroom/Jail facility while still maintaining the facility's historic integrity.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Commerce, Justice, Science, Byrne account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Montgomery County Commission, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: 100 South Lawrence St., Montgomery, AL 36104 P.O. Box 1667, Montgomery, AL 36102-1667

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used for the installation of security cameras and security card readers at Courthouse and Annexes, and connection of Annex facilities to central monitoring. Sheriff's Office vehicles will be outfitted with upgradeable digital in-car video system to provide video evidence for courtroom presentation.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Financial Service, SBA account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: Bibb Graves Hall 700 Pelham Road, North Jacksonville, AL 36256

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used to significantly improve the technology infrastructure that is used for teaching and research on the Jacksonville State University (JSU) main campus and remote campus locations, and for delivery of courses to distance education students that otherwise would not have access to

university courses. The project will include initiatives to: implement improvements to the campus network infrastructure (switches, cabling, network appliances, fiber backbone); enhance internet connectivity—increase bandwidth available to students, faculty and staff for internet access; evaluate capabilities of the 2.5 gigahertz frequency channels licensed to JSU by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC); acquire hardware and software to develop applications that utilize the city-wide fiber network to implement collaborative initiatives with local K-12 school systems; and acquire and install components to expand the wireless network and internet connectivity throughout the campus, to remote campus locations and area schools.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Agriculture Appropriations bill, Agricultural Research Service, Salaries and Expenses account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Auburn University

Address of Requesting Entity: 202 Samford Hall Auburn, AL 36849

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used for ongoing cooperative research between USDA, Agriculture Research Service (ARS) and the Department of Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures, Auburn University will develop genomic information. The virulence factors and genomic dissection of resistance genes for various diseases are very important for the resolution of disease problems. The development of a genomic map will provide researchers with a road map to development of more disease resistant catfish and vaccines that are more effective. The role of Auburn University will be to provide assistance, conduct laboratory and field tests at its catfish ponds and farms in Alabama. Auburn University has extensive catfish ponds and expertise in working with Alabama catfish producers on fish health problems.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Agriculture Appropriations bill, Agricultural Research Service, Salaries and Expenses account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Auburn University

Address of Requesting Entity: 202 Samford Hall Auburn, AL 36849

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used for an ongoing statewide initiative that is coordinated by USDA-ARS and the funds are shared with ARS, Auburn University (Agronomy and Soils Department & Plant Pathology), Tuskegee University and Alabama A&M. The funds to AU, Tuskegee, and A&M support cooperative projects working on integration of conservation tillage, precision agriculture and management of poultry litter. The AU funding is also used to maintain a state of the art soil testing lab and web based access information system for producers and homeowners throughout Alabama. Increased request for this year is to expand reniform nematode research throughout the state, develop more intense mature management research and expand research on the development of alternative substrates for nursery crop production and biofuel production. Results and future plans are made available to commodity groups and discussed at formal commodity meetings each fall.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Agriculture Appropriations bill, Agricultural Research Service, Salaries and Expenses account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Auburn University

Address of Requesting Entity: 202 Samford Hall Auburn, AL 36849

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used for ongoing cooperative research between USDA, Agriculture Research Service (ARS) and the Department of Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures, Auburn University will develop multivalent vaccines against three major concurrent diseases of catfish. Vaccine formulations will be developed and laboratory and field tested for the absence of inference between the different vaccine components, and to be safe and effective against all three diseases. The role of Auburn University will be to provide assistance in vaccine formulation, conduct laboratory and field tests at its catfish ponds and farms in Alabama. Auburn University has extensive catfish ponds and expertise in working with Alabama catfish producers on fish health problems and vaccination.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Agriculture Appropriations bill, Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service, Research and education account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Auburn University

Address of Requesting Entity: 202 Samford Hall Auburn, AL 36849

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used for the Auburn University Research Center on Detection and Food Safety. The ARC vision is to improve the safety of the U.S. food system by developing the science and engineering required to rapidly identify, pinpoint and characterize, through an integration of sensor and information technology, problems that arise in the food supply chain.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Agriculture Appropriations bill, Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service, Research and education account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Auburn University

Address of Requesting Entity: 202 Samford Hall Auburn, AL 36849

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used in developing geospatial tools to allow more site specific management of forests, agriculture, and natural resources. This project utilizes geospatial technologies (GPS and GIS) developed by the military and aerospace industries to improve the profitability and efficiency of the forest products industry, agriculture, and other natural resource based enterprises. The project will build on ongoing work in Precision Agriculture.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Agriculture Appropriations bill, Cooperative State Research Education and Ex-

tension Service, Research and education account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Auburn University

Address of Requesting Entity: 202 Samford Hall Auburn, AL 36849

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used for the Tri-State Peanut Research to develop data needed to accomplish the desired impacts, field trials were established in Alabama, Florida and Georgia. Each location conducts similar trials, but decisions concerning best management practices vary with soil types and required baseline data is collected from each location. Six major research sites have been established, two at Auburn's Wiregrass Research Center in Headland, Alabama. One is a farm scale 52 acre irrigated field and the other is a small replicated experimental site. At the University of Georgia's Coastal Plain Experiment Station, Tifton, a 12 acre irrigated experimental plot and a 5 acre experimental site were established. Three sites were established in Florida, two at the North Florida Research and Education Center—a 12 acre site in Quincy and a 150 acre site in Marianna. Another 120 acre site was established on a grower's field.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water Appropriations bill, Corps of Engineers, section 206 account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Phenix City, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 601 12th Street Phenix City, AL 36867

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used to fund the Fall Line Ecosystem Restoration Project to remove two small and underutilized dams to restore fish habitat.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Energy and Water Appropriations bill, Department of Energy, EERE biomass and biorefinery systems R&D account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Auburn University

Address of Requesting Entity: 202 Samford Hall Auburn, AL 36849

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used by Auburn scientists and engineers to perform integrated investigations of the entire biomass to an energy processing system using thermochemical approaches. Agricultural and forest researchers will optimize the biomass supply chain by testing new methods for harvesting, transporting, and processing forest and agricultural biomass in preparation for gasification. Scientists and engineers will also investigate gasification processes to determine optimal gasification configurations and the corresponding operating parameters. Another component of this research program will focus on the development of cost effective hot gas cleanup technologies necessary for production of high quality synthesis gases suitable for power generation and liquid fuel production.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Interior and Environment Appropriations bill, National Park Service, Save America's Treasures account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Jackson-Community house Historic Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: 409 South Union Street, Montgomery, AL 36104

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used to complete the third phase of the restoration project of the 155 year old Jackson-Community house including landscaping, lighting, driveways, plants, and window treatments.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Interior and Environment Appropriations bill, Environmental Protection Agency, STAG water and wastewater infrastructure project account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Alexander City, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 552, Alexander City, AL 35011

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used to provide connector transmission water mains to provide potable water to rapidly developing lakefront areas in south Tallapoosa and north Elmore counties that are currently unserved or underserved.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Interior and Environment Appropriations bill, Environmental Protection Agency, STAG water and wastewater infrastructure project account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Opelika, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 390, Opelika, AL 36803

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used for construction of a package treatment plant to serve existing and future industrial development. This facility will provide the needed sewer capabilities at the Industrial Park and other areas around 1-85. This will increase overall capacity in the City and ensure that new industry has the infrastructure it needs immediately upon choosing the Opelika Park.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Transportation, HUD Appropriations bill, Federal Highway Administration, Transportation & Community & System Preservation account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Jacksonville State University

Address of Requesting Entity: Bibb Graves Hall 700 Pelham Rd, North, Jacksonville, AL 36256

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding will be used for design and construction of a pedestrian bridge on HWY 21. Highway 21 is a major north/south corridor with excessive vehicle and truck traffic coupled with student, faculty and other local traffic. Pedestrian safety is paramount on a University campus. The design and construction of a pedestrian overpass system across State Highway 21 to improve and ensure student safety is an integral part of Jacksonville State University's Master Campus Plan that includes a safe pedestrian student pathway artery linking major campus destinations. The design and construction of a pedestrian overpass system will greatly protect the students of Jacksonville State University and

improve traffic flow through the city of Jacksonville. Funding would be spent in two phases: 1) on design and 2) actual construction of the overpass system.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Transportation, HUD Appropriations bill, Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Pike Road, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 4902 Old Pike Road, Pike Road, AL 36064

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding will be used for the Town of Pike Road to conduct economic, community, transportation, and infrastructure planning, including a study on light rail using existing rail lines between Pike Road and Gunter and Maxwell Air Force bases. The Town of Pike Road has developed a four-part strategic outline that its citizens endorsed at a town hall meeting. The plan calls for: (a) visionary community and economic planning; (b) excellence in public education; (c) recreation that fits the natural resources of the area; and (d) public safety and services that maintain a high quality of life.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Transportation, HUD Appropriations bill, Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Valley, Alabama

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. 186 Valley, Alabama 36854

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used for installation of elevator to increase access of the Sportsplex to the elderly and disabled population.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Transportation, HUD Appropriations bill, Federal Highway Administration, Interstate Maintenance Discretionary account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Auburn, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: 144 Tichenor Avenue, Suite 1, Auburn AL 36803

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used for the development of a 430-acre Auburn Technology Park West, including land acquisition and infrastructure construction, both on-site and off-site. Specifically, federal funding is requested for the construction of an extension of West Veterans Boulevard and part of the Outer Loop road to connect with the Technology Park. This road connection would provide a western connection between the City, the Technology Park and a new 1-85 interchange currently being designed. To this end, the City has provided \$11,300,000 to fund the development of the West Technology Park, but we still need additional resources to provide the road connectivity needed for access between the Technology Park, the City, and the interstate.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Transportation, HUD Appropriations bill, Federal Highway Administration,

Transportation & Community & System Preservation account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Opelika, AL

Address of Requesting Entity: P.O. Box 390, Opelika, AL 36803

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used to plan and design a perimeter or northern transportation corridor in Opelika. A northern perimeter is needed due to tremendous population growth primarily in the northern sector of Opelika resulting from strong economic growth in every sector-residential, commercial, and industrial. The corridor would ultimately connect US Highway 280 in northeast Opelika with Interstate 85 in northwest Opelika improving highway safety, reducing congestion on inner city streets, and connect new population centers with the growth of employment opportunities in the Northeast Industrial Park.

Requesting Member: Congressman MIKE ROGERS (AL)

Bill Number: H.R. 1105

Account: Transportation, HUD Appropriations bill, Federal Aviation Administration, Facilities and Equipment account

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Montgomery Airport Authority

Address of Requesting Entity: 4445 Selma Highway, Montgomery, AL 36108

Description of Request: It is my understanding that the funding would be used to preserve valuable airport infrastructure. It consists of rehabilitation of the pavement structure of the airport's primary runway, Runway 10/28, whose condition is beginning to deteriorate. This runway is showing signs of advanced deterioration at this time and will not last beyond another year or two without major rehabilitation. Since airport runways do not receive the level of activity that keeps roadways fresh by constantly flexing the asphalt, they tend to oxidize and crack over a period of 10-12 years. This runway has not been rehabilitated since 1996.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF JORDI REYES-MONTBLANC

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise with great sadness as I pay tribute to my dear friend Jordi Reyes-Montblanc who recently passed away. As I speak with profound sorrow, I ascend to celebrate a life well lived and to remember with fondness the accomplishments of a remarkable man who, over his many years as an outstanding advocate for the West Harlem community, fought strongly and passionately for his ideals regardless of how popular the issue.

Jordi was a larger-than-life figure in the West Harlem community. For decades he was one of the area's most energetic activists, fighting for safe streets and cleaner parks, and especially championing the cause of affordable housing and homeownership for New Yorkers of modest means. Jordi delighted in his many contradictions. He was staunchly proud of his Cuban heritage. He was a fierce opponent of Communism who nonetheless fought for not-so-Capitalistic affordable housing policies.

Jordi's story was the stuff of novels. He fled his native Cuba as a young adult in 1958, escaping the winds of communism that eventually swept the island. He joined the U.S. Marines, where he engaged in covert operations in Southeast Asia. Though, he never spoke much about his past to those outside of his closest circle of friends. He was an avid hunter who often demonstrating his trademark frankness.

Jordi was a pioneer in the movement to allow low- and middle-income families to purchase their own apartments through the city's Housing Development Fund Corporation program, and in 1993 he led the conversion of his own building to a limited-equity co-op.

This activism on housing issues secured his appointment to Community Board 9 in the mid-1990s. It was during that period when he developed a close bond to Councilman Stan Michels, another significant local leader who passed away late last year. As Chair of Community Board 9, Jordi was fearless in speaking his mind on local issues, regardless of who he might offend. That quality could have earned him nothing but detractors on the Board, but instead the reverse happened: he was almost universally respected for his even-handedness and devotion to the community.

Columbia University's plan to expand to a new campus in Manhattanville defined Jordi's tenure as Chair of the local community board. While maintaining that he wasn't opposed to the expansion per se, he became a vocal critic of the displacement of local residents and businesses which would result from the specific plan Columbia was advancing. Jordi thrust his community board into the center of the fight on this issue, and he became a fixture in the city's media as an outspoken critic of the expansion.

In his blog you can still find his thoughts on what he felt he was about. He states, "I don't lead, I don't follow and I do the things my heart and conscience tells me are right for me to do, any one is welcome to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with me freely."

Jordi Reyes-Montblanc will be long remembered for his extraordinary commitment, energy, wisdom, discipline, principle, and clear purpose which won the admiration of all who were privileged to come to know and work with him. I consider myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to observe and experience his example as a personal inspiration.

Madam Speaker, rather than mourn his passing, I hope that my colleagues will join me in celebrating the life of Jordi by remembering that he exemplified greatness in every way.

JUDGE TOM ELLINGTON AND "WE
THE PEOPLE"

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Municipal Court Judge Thomas Ellington in Washington State who received the annual William Nevins Award from the Washington Judges' Foundation for working tirelessly to educate youth about the judicial branch of government. Judge Ellington has spent the entirety of his judicial career working on behalf of "We the People," a high